

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11-14 and 16-19 are pending in the application and stand rejected.

**Double Patenting**

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11-14 and 16-19 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,715,013 issued to Applicant. Applicant hereby submits a Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to obviate this rejection.

**Claim objections**

Claims 3, 9 and 16 stand objected to for being dependent on canceled claims. Claims 3, 9 and 16 have been amended herein to address this deficiency.

Regarding the prior art made of record by the Examiner but not relied upon, Applicants believe that this art does not render the pending claims unpatentable.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urges the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

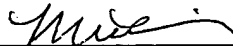
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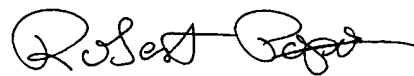
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